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SUBJECT: EGYPT: STILL NO ANSWER ON US CANDIDATE FOR THE
IMSO

REF: A. STATE 150486

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[1](#). On September 17 emboff met with National Telecommunications Regulatory Authority (NTRA) Vice President for Policies and International Cooperation Dr. Offat Abd El Monsef to seek GoE support for the United States candidate to head the International Mobile Satellite Organizaton (IMSO). Dr. Abd El Monsef had no information but agreed to raise the issue with NTRA head Amr Bedowi (returning to Cairo September 18) and to coordinate with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA).

[2](#). Emboffs previously raised this issue with MFA Office Director for Candidacy Issues Counselor Hatem Tag-Eldin and received an equally non-committal response (ref B). We will follow-up with both the NTRA and MFA on this issue later this week.

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